Still Maligning Scott.

Mr. Scott is still the victim

from those

from those who are moving heaven and earth to prejudice feeling aganist him. Some of the stories that are being circulated here by Democrats are so absurd in their nature as to excite ridicule. Word was received today that some one is en route from Wheeling to spring the latest and most absurd canard of all. Astonishing as it may be to Wheeling people, the false-hood is a purported copy of a letter said to have been written by Mr. Scott a few years since, to the board of directors of the Central Glass Works, admitting that he was short \$12,000, and asking time to settle up. This is the climax of the absurdities. If there is such a copy, it is a forgery, for no such letter ever existed, and no such incident ever did or could have occurred. During his presidency of the Central Glass Works he never handled a cent of the money. Mr. Scott would like to know who is the author of this latest outrage. These matters have all served, however, to unite the Republicans for the caucus nominee.

Much interest was taken here in the Intelligencer's Grafton dispatch yesterday, detailing the outragous conduct

Intelligencer's Grafton dispatch yester-day, detailing the outrageous conduct of the count and examination of wit-

nesses by the subcommittee of the house which visited there and returned in

uch an astonishing short space of ime. To-day's Charleston Mail copied he article. It is a subject of much

comment.
Senator Elkins and Congressmen
Dovener and Dayton are still here.
Important conferences were held today, with reference to plans in the
event of a contingency. G. A. D.

The Always Amusing Register.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 24.—In

view of the peace protocol signed here

to-day before the Register arrived, its

to-day before the Register arrived, its double-leaded "revolutionary editorial" was somewhat amusing. There were some comments in connection therewith on the resolutions introduced in the house yesterday to unseat no less than five more Republicans, one of them not even being a member of the legislature.

G. A. D.

QUAY'S FIGHT

For the Senatorship is Still Without

Result-Yesterday's Ballot.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 24.-Senator

Quay fell fourteen short of a majority

on the sixth ballot in the joint assem-

bly of the senate and house to-day for

United States senator. Representative

Bricker, of his home county of Beaver,

was absent without a pair. George A.

Jenks polled eighty votes and the anti-

Quay Republicans scattered their votes usual. Representative Edminston, Bradford, voted for blands

of Bradford, voted for his neighbor, Benjamin T. Hale, a wholesale lumber dealer at Bradford, changing from Dalzell, and Representative John M. Martin changed from Tubbs to Alvin Martin changed from Tubbs to Alvin

vote in detail follows:

Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pitts

Colonel James M. Guney, of Phils burgh, member of the national Demo-cratic committee was an interestee spectator at the day's sessio. With him were State Chairman Garman Congressman-elect Hall, of Elk, and other state Democratic leaders. They

Senator Bois Penrose is one of the

managers of Senator Quay's campaign at the Lochiel hotel hear quarters, but he did not witness the ballot.

ANTI-QUAY CAUCUS

Meets and Shakes Hands-No Demo-

eratic Votes for Quay. HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 24. — The

anti-Quay Republicans held a caucus

this afternoon and listened to addresses

by John Wanamaker, former Congress

by John Wanamaker, former Congress-man Huff and Congressman Dalzell, Mr. Wanamaker declared that the opposi-tion to Quag is irresistible, supported, as it is, by the people of the state, Every possible effort is being made, he said, to re-clect Senator Quay by Democratic votes.

The caucus decided to meet every aft-ernoon until the correct is ended.

The caucus decided to meet every afternoon until the contest is ended.

Colonel James M. Guffey, the Democratic leader, in an interview this evening, said that the Democratic legislators were not on the market and they will stand by Jenks until Quay hauls down his flar.

Wyoming's Senatorial Choice.

at noon to-day each house of the legis-

lature voted for United States senator to

lature voted for United States senator to succeed Clarence D. Clark. But two nominations were made—Clark, by the Republicans, and Congressman J. E. Osborne by the Democrats. In the senate thirteen votes were cast for Clark and five for Osborne, and one absent. In the house Clark received thirty-four votes, Osborne one and one absent; total Clark 17, Osborne 8.

Senator Mills' Successor.

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 24.—The senate and house of the Texas legislature met

and noise of the Texas registature met to-day at noon in their separate chambers. The Hon. Charles A. Culberson, the Democratic nominee, was elected without opposition, to succeed retiring Senator Roger Q. Mills. Both houses will meet in joint session to-morrow at noon and ratify the ballot cast to-day.

Newlands Was Not Presented.

CARSON, Nev., Jan. 24.-William M.

Stewart was elected United States sen-

CHEYENNE, Wy., Jan. 24.-Promptly

vicious assaults emanating m those who are moving

moving

ACTING UGLY.

Tart Comment on The Commission Appointed by President McKinley.

MANILA, Jan. 20, Via HONG KONG,

Jan. 24.—The Independencia to-day issued a supplement containing a dispatch purporting to come from Malolos, the seat of the rebel government. It comments upon the appointments of the commission and says:

"The Filipinos naturally suspect this as a new attempt to humbug. Both Dewey and Spencer Pratt promised us independence if the Filipino republic was stable. The Filipinos redisillusioned. They believe the commission is a ruse to gain time till they have accumulated formidable forces, when America, abusing her strength, will begin a war to ratify her sovereignty."

cignty."
The Independencia then alleges that all the commissioners are partisans of colonial expansion and incidentally asserts that the archibishop also favors when the sole object of

annexation, "with the sole object of gaining the sympathies of the winning

de, immaterial which, in the interests

of the religious corporations."

The Filipinos of Caloocan and Gega-

langin, mistaking salutes exchanged be-tween British and German warships on January 18, moved three thousand men to the front in order of battle, covering

the adjacent country, but they did not attack the American lines. Reports from the interior indicate

independence.

It is estimated that there are fully 30,000 Filipinos under arms and it is said that there are nearly fifty Maxim guns at Malolos, some of them having been recently acquired.

The Filipino military authorities are convinced, they say, that the Americans will be unable to work effectively outside of Manila in the event of hostilities, hence they feel confident in the future.

Many of the Pilipino officers com-plain of alleged discourteous treatment upon the part of Americans at Manila.

TREATY TALK.

resumed consideration of the peace

treaty in executive session to-day. The

Berry resolution for the consideration

of the treatis in open session was voted

in Open Session Voted Down.

-The Independencia to-day is-

PRICE TWO CENTS. (FIVE CENTS

A PEACE PROTOCOL

Signed by the Democrats and the Republicans

WHICH REMOVES ALL DANGER

Of a Rupture Between the Senate And the House

TO CONTESTED SEATS.

No Longer any Doubts of Mr. Scott's Election-

TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT

Which Provides That Neither Dent Brohard, Kidd nor Morris Shall Vote in the Joint Assembly Pending Investigation of Their Cases, and that all Resolutions now Pending in Either House Looking to the Unscating of any Member Shall be Dismissed-The Vote for Senator Taken in the Senate and House Yesterday Results in a tie Between Scott and McGraw.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 24.-The consulting committees of the Democrats and Republicans to arrange a compromise for the suspension of hostilitlespeace protocol, sano speak-came to an agreement this evening.

The terms of the compromise, the ef fect of which is to leave the Republicans with their three of a majority, are that all pending contests for seats be suspended until February 7. A resolution to carry out the agreement will be introduced to-morrow morning in each house, in the house of delegates by Mr. Davis, of Harrison, Democrat, and in the senate by Mr. Fast, Republican. The treaty reads as follows, addressed to both houses:

To the Republicans of the Senate:

In order to bring about a peaceful and orderly settlement of the differences new existing between the two houses of the West Virginia legislature there are submitted to you the following propo sitions, viz.;

First-The election and qualification of the member of the house of delegate. from Taylor county; to be heard and tried upon its merits.

Second-The election and qualification of a senator from the Fourth senatorial district, to be heard and tried upon its merlis:

Third-These two cases to be finally voted upon in each house on the seventh day of February, 1899, when the taking of evidence shall be closed.

Fourth-All contests and controver sies as to the membership of each house other than the two above named to be dismissed, and no further contests or controversies respecting the membership therein to be brought or entertained

Fifth-Pending the investigation herein above referred to neither Dent, Brohard, Kidd nor Morris shall vote in joint assembly or otherwise.

Sixth-All resolutions now pending in either house looking to the unscating of any member thereof, or questlening the seat of any sitting member, shall be dismissed.

Seventh-Each of the signers of this proposition pledges himself to vote and use all honorable means to have the stipulations herein contained faithfully carried out and observed.

Signed by Owen S. McKinney, Isaiab Bee, W. L. Mansfield, J. W. Davis and R. M. Morrow, all Democrats of the

stand by Jenks until Quay hauls down his flag.
"At no time, under any circumstances," said he, "will a single Democrat vote for or in any way assist in the re-election of Quay."

Democratic Senatorial Candidate Jenks said to-night:
"So long as my candidacy serves to carry out the principles of the Altoona platform I shall remain where I have been placed. I never thought of such a thing until I heard the Quayites make the suggestion. I can imagine nothing further from the truth." We, the undersigned Republican senators, concur in the foregoing proposition: R. E. Fast, O. S. Marshall, Alonzo Garrett, S. L. Baker, S. W. Marthews all Republicans, on behalf of the sen

This is expected to satisfactorily conclude all troubles and establish peace and narmony.

Satisfaction is expressed at the result of the conference. The action averts the threatened trouble, which might have resulted in an open rupture.

Republicans are all in line, so there are no longer any doubts of Scott's election. G. A. D.

BALLOT FOR SENATOR

Taken in Senate and House Results in a tie Between Scott and McGraw. One Republican Votes for Goff and

Another for Judge Blizzard. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 24. Following the terms of the constitution, the two houses to-day, each in geparate session, took a ballot for United States senator, the result in the senate being: Scott, 17; McGraw, 8. In the house: Scott, 29; McGraw, 38; Goff and Blizzard, one each, both the latter without their consent, Judge Blizzard, who is here, and a friend of Scott's,

who is here, and a friend of Scott's, after to-day on joint ballot, receiving rather amused at the fact that the received a vote.

The result netted 46 for Scott and 46 sented for nomination. being rather amused at the fact that he received a vote

ceived only a day or so ago from the admiral, who stated that Aguinaldo was fast losing his strength with the notives and could be disposed of as a disturbing factor in a hurry were it not that he is bolstered up with false hopes that Congress will refuse to ratify the treaty, and that in some way he will personally benefit by the stand he has taken for independent recognition. Ludlow Troubled in Keeping Track of Receipts in Havana.

ALL AFTER MONEY.

JUDGMENTS AGAINST CITY.

Attempt to Levy on Public Receipts Frustrated - Inspectors Working Overtime and Collecting Unjust Fees-A Dock Paymaster who did not Want to Pony up-Labor Troubles in the Guantanamo District. Attempts of Cubans to Burn Planta

HAVANA, Jan. 24. - A number of judgments have been docketed against the city of Havana and to-day the finance committee learned that some of the judgment creditors intended to levy on the public receipts. Major General Ludlow immediately Issued an order that receivers of money for the city must not disburse it except upon the order of the governor, thus defeating the design to sweep the city treasury clean on account of Spanish indebtedness.

General Ludlow has also abolished the

bureau of weights and measures, as the inspectors appointed under the old regime had been working overtime and ollecting fees from the shopkeepers collecting fees from the sappacepers at the most unjust fashion. An issue with the same functions will be formed. About ten days ago Paymaster San Miguel, of the dock department, hunded to Senor de Castro \$1,800, taking a re-celpt for it. On learning of this General Ludiow addressed a letter to Senor de Castro, pointing out that the funds had been taken without authority—Spanish Casiro, pointing out that the funds had been taken without authority—Spanish sovereignty having ceased and Senor de Castro heing out of office—and requesting him to return the funds to the paymaster. Senor de Castro answered that the money did not belong to the dock department, and that he would only reimburse under compulsion. General Luddow replied that there was no reason why Senor de Castro should retain the funds and that repayment must be made on or before noon on January 20. This demand was compiled with, Senor de Castro protesting and declaring that the money did not belong to the dock department and that the American authorities had no right to demand the money.

The Measure Discussed in Executive Session-Proposition to Consider it WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-The senate

turn them over to the department or customs.

El Pais refers to the matter to-day, remarking that General Ludlow "has shown great haste to take possession of the money, notwithstanding that it is not his, and against the wishes of the rightful owner."

It says that he is neglectful in his communications regarding municipal affairs and property, and mentions the case of a letter concerning affairs in the dock department, and another about the grphan asylum question. The question of "h'cenorship of the press in Havana is becoming pertinent and the military authorities will act if occasion arises.

Recalcitrant Cubans.

Recalcitrant Cubans. GUANTANAMO, Cuba, Jan. 24.-Cu-

ban Captain Serafin Planch, who ap-piled for and obtained work on the Santa Cecilia sugar plantation, near Guantaname, harangued the workmen at noon to-day and ordered them to leave wheir work under penalty of arrest and trial by court martial of the Cuban

trial by court nartial of the Cuban army.

The American troops who were guarding the plantation arrested Planch and brought him to Guantanatro. On his way he told them that he had acted under the orders of his own officers, though he refused to give names.

Lieutenant Colonel Ray, who is in command of the United States forces in this district, says that the action of Planch is by no means an isolated case. All over the valler are small bands of insurgents, who refused to disarm and whose officers will permit their men to work only three days a week, compelling them to report at their camps for duty on the other days. Colonel Ray says that several of these people, tiring of the tyranny of their officers, laye apeths.

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Panie in a Hotel Fire.

SHARON, Pa., Jan. 24. - A fire occurred at the Shenango house, one of the largest hotels in Sharon, shortly after 5 o'clock this morning. Several guests narrowly escaped suffocation. guests narrowly escaped suffocation. The fire originated from a defective furnace and burned furiously for over an hour, completely burning out the lower portion of the hotel. Ex-State Treasurer Haywood, who arrived from Harrisburg seriously III, was a guest at the hotel. He was removed to a nearby hotel when the fire was discovered. The guests fled panic-stricken, scantily attired, but none of them lost their belongings. The loss will be \$5,000, covered by insurance.

Steel and Wire Combine Directors. NEW YORK, Jan. 24.-At a meeting of the stockholders of the American Steel and Wire company to-day thes Steel and Wife company to-day these directors were elected: Three-year term—J. W. Gates, I. L. Ellwood, William E. Denborn, Henry Seligman, John Lambert; two-year term—S. H. Chisholm, E. P. Voorhees, W. P. Palmer, P. W. Moen, Frederick Strauss; one-year term—G. T. Oliver, F. M. Drake, C. T. Poynton, James Hopkins, C. C. Howard.

Will Send a Protest.

MUNICH, Jan. 24.-At a meeting of the American residents here to-day it was decided to send to the government at Washington a protest against the anti-German expressions used in the house of representatives, accompanied by a declaration that no animos against America exists in Germany.

Postmasters Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-The senate o-day confirmed a number of postmasters, among them the following Wes Virginia nominations: A. A. Bee, West Union: J. B. Campbell, New Comber-land; J. H. Dunn, Sutton; L. D. Getzen-danner, Charles Town: M. B. V. Mont-gemery, Montgomery; O. A. Petry, Char-leston.

SANG "AMERICA

Over the Peaceful Settlement of the Wage Differences Between the Op-crators and Coal Miners.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 24.-Carnegie iall, in Allegheny, rang with the hymn "America" to-night in ratification of of the settlement of the wage differences which was effected between the coal operators and miners of the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania. The settlement means peace for more than 100,000 men and their employers as far as the general issues are

The settlement was reached after one of the most notable gatherings in the history of the industry. The leaders of both sides made a bitter fight and at times it looked as if there would be a split and chaos prevail in the great industry. To-night every operator and enter was in the best of humor and all left for their homes feeling glad.

left for their homes feeling glad.

The only soreness is with the block coal interests of Indiana. To-day Mr. William Risher, a block coal operator(announced that he desired to change his vote, which had been in favor of adopting the scale. He was a member of the scale committee. His announcement caused no surprise and the remainder of the delegates decided, that the settlement should stand in spite of the protest.

MANUFACTURERS CONVENTION In Session at Cincinnati-Annual Re-

ports of Officers.
CINCINNATI, Ohlo, Jan. 24.—There
were over 1,000 prominent manufacturers of the country present at the fourth annual convention here to-day. Many additional arrivals were registered to-night, so that the attendance will be still larger for the next two

While the morning and afternoon sessions to-day were devoted mostly to hearing the annual reports of officers and committees, yet the spirit of expansion pervaded anything that was done, including a future policy of increasing the membership of the National Manufacturing Association during the closing year of the century to at least 5,000, and providing such a fund in its treasury as to make it a most potential factor in the extension of foreign trade, as well as in American interests, including the new possessions of this country. President Search used a gavel that had in its construction hearing the annual reports of officers interests, including the new possessions of this country. President Search used a gavel that had in its construction samples of wood from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and the addresses in the presentation of this gavel and its acceptance were really the keynotes of the occasion. The manufacturers publish a daily bulletin of their own, glying a verbatin report of all turers publish a daily bulletin of their own, glving a verbatim report of all their proceedings, and this bulletin is distributed every morning when they assemble. The National Association held its first meeting in Cincinnati four years ago, and it is evidently the intention at this meeting to reorganize it by expansion into an association that will represent every manufacturing interest in the United States, Canada, and, in fact, a comprehensive Pan-American organization.

Cumberland Valley Directors. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 24.-At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cumberland Valley and Martinsburg Railroad company, which was held in this city to-day in the law office of M. T. Ingles, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Maury C. Kennedy, J. E. Bowd, John Stewart and T. P. Kennedy, of Chambersburg, Pa.; James B. Russell, H. H. bersburg, Pa.; James B. Russell, H. H. Baker, R. W. Stone, Holmes Conrad and Thomas J. Cooper, of Winchester, Va.; E. Boyd Faulkner, George M. Bowers, William T. Stewart and Charles W. Killbourne, of this city. After the adjournment of the stockholders' meeting the directors proceeded to elect the following officers: Maury C. Kenneds, Chambersburg, Pa., president; J. B. Russell, of Winchester, Va., treasurer, and M. T. Ingles, of this city, secretary.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer

STEUBENVILLE, O., Jan. 24.-Em mett Fickes, of Elliottsville, known as the "mechanical genius of the nineteenth century," whose marriage to his second wife after 144 hours' continuous courtship created a sensation last summer, has been arrested and lodged in mer, has been arrested and lodged in jail here for cruel treatment to his 7-year-old son, whom he has been whipping cruelly and keeping in a cage at times. The boy took a dislike to his stepmother and would attack her with deadly weapons, and while he was at work Fickes kept the boy in a cage. A number of whitecap notices have been sent to Fickes, warning him to design in his treatment of the child.

Died in London.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 24.—Al telegram received to-day by Mrs. Dr. James M. Ransom, of this city, from London, England, announced the death in that city of her sister, Mrs. O. E. Boles," Mrs. Boles' malden name was Miss, Lucy Brown. She was from Nel-Miss_Jucy Brown. She was from Nel-son county, Virginia, where many fam-ily connections reside. Mr. Boles is the manager of the eastern agency of the Cleveland Bicycle company, and pre-vious to his removal to London resided at Denver, Col., and was the champion bleycle ride of the Mississippi valley. Mrs. Holes was aged about 34 years and leaves a husband and one child.

"X" Rays for Insanity. CHICAGO, Jan. 24 .- As the result of

number of experiments with X rays in this city it is asserted that the rays are to become a medium through which reason may be restored to Insane persons. It has been found that by the rays brain tumors, responsible for many cases of alienation of mind, can be located. Preparations are being made by several eminent physicians for a test operation in what has been considered an incurable case. The patient will be a wealthy young man who for several years has been confined in the Kankakee asylum. The patient has already been examined by the X-ray process. Those who conducted the experiment say that the skiagraphs plainly show a tumor pressing on the brain. The physicians claim that the removal of the tunor will not be dangerous and that they expect the young man's mind will be fully restored. reason may be restored to insane per-

Weather Forecast forTo-day.
For West Virginia, Western Pennsylva-nia and Ohlo, generally fair; fresh north-westerly winds.

Local Temperature.

LOCAL Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schnepf, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a., m. 42 | 2 p. m. 36 | 3 a. m. 49 | 7 p. m. 31 | 31 | 2 m. 33 | Weather—Snow.

CRITICAL STAGE

In the Philippine Affairs has Been Reached.

for McGraw, with two Republicans, strong supporters of Mr. Scott, absent, Senator Whitaker arrived in the city this afternoon, and will be present at the joint session to-morrow. The Republicans who did not vote for the caucus nominee were Haptonstall, of Fayette county, and Hunt, of Kanawha. Haptonstall is expected to be in line to-morrow, and probably Hunt, though the latter is a doubtful quantity. Unless some unforeseen circumstance intervenes Mr. Scott should be elected on joint ballot to-morrow. Still Maligning Scott. MANY RUMORS' ARE AFLOAT

That the Rupture Between Aguinalde and the American Troops is Already an Accomplised Fact Washington Officials Consider the Situation a Very Serious One, but Rely on General Otls and Admiral Dewey to Hold Their Own Against the Insurgents -- Agoncillo Makes His Last Demand for Recognition.

MADRID, Jan. 24 .-- A dispatch from Hong Kong to the Reforma.of this city, says a letter received from the Philippine Islands under date of January 20, announces that the rupture between the Filipinos and the Americans is an accomplished fact and that the lives of the Spanlards in the archipelago are endangered.

HONG KONG, Jan. 24.-The members of the Filipino junta here have issued the following statement:

"The purchase by the American authorities at Hong Kong of a number of steam launches for river work in the Philippine islands is high-handed, un-Reports from the Interior indicate that Aguinaldo's authority is now generally recognized. Every available male is being recruited and arms depots are being established at San Baernandico, Union, Trinidad and other large towns. The surrounding country is being levied on for supplies and the Filipino troops are living on the fat of the land, while the native villagers are compelled to subsist on rice.

There is some friction between the Filipino civil and military authorities, but they are united on the question of independence.

It is estimated that there are fully necessary and vexatious.

"Domletliary visits throughout Manila are exasperating the Filipinos. Their suspicious are aroused by such actions. The dispatch of reinforcements is incompatible with peace and the anpointment of a commission is only a pretext to gain time. The American secret police is acting offensively towards the Filipinos at Hong Kong, who are British subjects.

"The Filipino congress at Malolos has unanimously vetoed annexation."

Spanish Prisoners Released. MADRID, Jan. 24.-The minister of war, General Correa received a cable

dispatch to-day from General Rios, the Spanish commander in the Philippines, announcing that all the sick and main-ed civil and military prisoners were re-leased by the Filipinos to-day. The general added that he hoped the re-mainder of the wite the mainder of the prisone's will be libera-

The Imparcial to-day says: "All the intelligence from the Philippine islands show that the Americans recognize their inability to overcome the insurgenta in the Island of Lazon and the Visayas. The Flipinos understand that the Americans wish to tyrannize over them, and exploit them as the over them, and exploit them as the Spaniards never did. Washington's de Spaniarus never did. Washington's de-sire is to first get the treaty of Paris voted and then open negotiations with the rebel chiefs in order to see if Aguinaldo and his colleagues will con-sent at least to accept—an American protectorate with self gevernment."

THE CRITICAL STAGE

The Vote in detal! follows: Quay, (Rep.), 19: Jenks, (Dem.), 80; Dalzell, (Rep.), 15; Irvin, (Rep.), 3; Stewart, (Rep.), 5; C. W. Stone, (Rep.), 8; C. E. Smith, (Rep.), 1; Tubbs, (Rep.), 2; Grow, (Rep.), 1; Downing, (Rep.), 2; Widener, (Rep.), 2; Benjamin T. Hale, (Rep.), 1. Necessary to choice, 121. Paired, 12; absent without pairs, 2. No election. In Filipino Affairs Believed to Have Been Reached-General Otis Sure of His Position Should a Clash Come. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24 .- Senor Lopez, secretary to Agoncillo, the Washington representative of Aguinaldo, called at the state department at 1 clock this afternoon, and lodged with the chief clerk a communication which, according to the common expectation, marked the critical stage in the Philippine question. This is the third attives to secure official recognition from are here in the interest of Jenks. Mr. Jenks reached Harrisburg last night and will remain here the rest of the the United States government. Secretary Hay at the time the communica-tion was presented was attending a meeting of the cabinet at the white

tion was presented was attending a meeting of the cabinet at the white house, so that all that Chief Clerk Michael could do under the circumstances was to receive the paper as he would any other handed in to him.

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was to receive the paper as he would any other handed in to him.

The advices from Manila which have reached the war department are far from reassuring. It is understood that General Otis reports an expectation on his part that the insurgents are about to force an issue and if this should be so the result cannot be foreseen. Manila itself and not Hollo, as might at first be supposed, is regarded as the danger point just now.

While the instructions to General Otis have been to avoid any hostile clashwith the natives, so far as that plan is consistent with the maintenance of his position, it is realized here it is within the power of any excited or intoxicated person to precipitate a battle between the two opposing forces. For it must be understood that there is nothing in General Otis' constructions to prevent him from most vigorously defending himself and the interests confided to his charge. General Otis is so sure of his ground that the officials here feel no doubt as to the outcome of a hostile collision between the Americans and the insurgent forces under Aguinaldo, particularly as General Otis would have the enormous advantage of the full co-operation of the American fleet under Dewey. But it is particularly desirable that even a battle ending in victory be avoided just now, for the President has by no means surrendered his conviction that the misguided Filipinos can be brought to an understanding of the real object of the United States and peacefully accept the conditions sought to be imposed.

sentative at Washington, declaring

sentative at Washington, declaring that the prospects were improving, though the work was difficult. The absence of direct news from Manilia and the receipt of secret intelligence from Washington is causing the gravest anxiety among the Flipinos bere. The arrests of Flipinos by Major General Otta and the away that here. The arrests of Filipinos of jor General Otls and the news that numbers of Filipinos have fled is renumbers of Filipinos have fied is re-graded as a most serious occurrence. It is pointed out by the Filipinos that this is exactly what happened in 1896 under General Blanco, when the Filipinos on the following day attacked the Span-ards and the revolution broke out. The members of the Filipino funta in this city say they are so anxious to avert war that they are cabling Manila to-day urging the Filipinos "not to start hostilities if there is the remotest possibility of avoiding trouble."

miral Dewey, quoted from a letter re-

down and there was more or less talk of taking a vote, though on this point no definite decision was reached. The session opened with a strong appeal by Senator Berry to open the doors and allow the world to listen to the debates on the subject. He said that he

bates on the subject. He said that he desired an opportunity to reply to some of the speeches which had been made on the treaty in open session, but that so long as the treaty was considered as executive business he did not feel so free as others seemed to be to discuss it openly. Brief speeches were made for and against the open-door proposition, but the motion was finally disposed of in the negative without a roll call and by a very large vote. There was a deman'd for a roll call by the supporters of the motion, but they witherew it.

Probably the most significant occurrence of the session was the banter upon the question of a final vote upon the treaty liself. Senators Gorman and Vest, both of whom oppose ratification, urged the importance of getting a vote at no very distant dap. Senator Gorman, in a brief but very carnest speech, said that much had been said by the friends of ratification as to the necessity of disposing of the subject without any great

of ratification as to the necessity of disposing of the subject without any great delay. He argued with them on that point, and if they were in earnest he felt that a vote might be reached within ten days. Senator Vest joined in Mr. Gorman's appeal and urged Mr. Davis to name a day and an hour when the vote could be taken.

"We want it understood distinctly," he want it understood distinctly," he said, "that we are not holding the trenty up at all. Name the day. We will agree to any date that will suit you. If you have the votes con can raiffy your treaty; if not it will be defeated. The question will be disposed of and the senate can proceed with other bus-

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'Let us vote now," responded Senator Aldrich, who had just entered the cham ber after a visit to his home in Rhode

Island. "We ought to be ready to vote in fifteen minutes,"
Senator Davis replied, however, that

teen minutes."

Senator Davis repiled, however, that the question of fixing a day for a vote had not been considered by the committee on foreign relations, and that he would not feel justified in assuming such a responsibility upon his own authority unsupported by the action of his committee. He promised to bring the matter to the attention of the committee at its next session.

The principal speeches of the general debate were unade for the treaty by Senators Teller and Frye and by Senator Hoar in opposition. Senator Frye's remarks were a sharp criticism of the opposing senators, and it was so pointed that it brought Senator Hear to his feet for a somewhat acrimonious reply. Mr. Frye dwell at some length on the conditions under which the treaty had been formulated and also referred to the situation in the Philippines. Intimating that the opposition to ratification was the principal source of encouragement to the Filiptinos in their present attitude towards the United States. Mr. Hoar defended the course of the opposition, disagrecable as it was, to arouse the lill-will of his brother senators, that the condition was preferrable to plunging the country into a position that might condition was preferrable to plunging the country into a position that might be of untold consequence to the whole nation, Mr. Teller replied to Mr. Hoar, saying

Mr. Teller replied to Mr. Hoar, saying that the opposition was responsible for the continuation of the state of war, and pointing out, various probable results in the way of the loss of the prestige and power in case the United States should fail to take advantage of the opportunity now afforded to assert her rightful place among the nations of the world of commanding and paramount influence.

New Jersey's New Senator.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 24. - John Kean, Republican, was to-day elected United States senator, receiving the full Republican vote. The joint session will to-merrow ratify to-day's separate vote.

LONDON, Jan. 24.-The Filipino junta here to-day received a cable message from Agoncillo, Aguinaldo's repre-

Secret of Aguinaldo's Bluff.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 24.-At a Dewey dinner given here to-night William Dewey, of Montpeller, nephew of Ad-